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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of:

Wu et al.

Serial No.: 10/027,833

Filed: December 21, 2001

Invention: System and Method for Updating
BIOS for a Multiple-Node
Computer System

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Group No.: 2116

Examiner: Stefan Stoyanov

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MARCH 29, 2005

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

In response to the Office Action mailed March 29, 2005, Applicants submit this response and respectfully request reconsideration of the Examiner's objections and rejections.

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Petition for Extension of Time

Applicants petition for a one-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 up to and including July 29, 2005. A fee in the amount of \$520.00 for a one-month extension of

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time and an additional claims fee is included. Applicants hereby authorize and instruct the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to charge Deposit Account No. 02-0383 (matter 016295.0730) of Baker Botts L.L.P. for any additional charges necessary for the filing of this response.

Fee for Additional Claims

As a result of the amendments below, additional claims are added to this application. The fee for this claim is calculated below:

Fee Calculation					
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Extra	Rate	Fee
Total Claims:	24	- 30 =	0	x \$50 =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims:	8	- 6 =	2	x \$200 =	\$ 400.00
Total Additional Claims Fee =					\$ 400.00